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Ward 6 Newsletter

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Student Misbehavior

ing to get it fixed.



These look like some nice, calm, and well maintained properties. But on the rooftop, they've got a sound stage that hosts bands whose music can be heard literally for miles around.

Below is a shot of a concert held on November 6th, two days before the now-familiar pelting of the Mosque incidents.

So what could possibly go wrong?



§ 13-1201. Endangerment; classification

This is serious enough that I don't care if it results in criminal charges, expulsion, and/or eviction. We're go-

A. A person commits endangerment by recklessly endangering another person with a substantial risk of imminent death or physical injury.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues 791-4133 Emergency: **791-4133**

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Graffiti Removal 792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts 791-3171

Neighborhood Resources 837-5013

SunTran/SunLink 792-9222

Environmental Services 791-3171

Park Wise 791-5071

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Pima County Animal Control 243-5900

Pima County Vector Control

Cockroach: **443-6501** Mosquito: **740-2760**

Continued: A Message From Steve

B. Endangerment involving a substantial risk of imminent death is a class 6 felony. In all other cases, it is a class 1 misdemeanor.

Sec. 16-34. Public nuisance.

(a) Anything that is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or is an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by an entire community or neighborhood, or by any considerable number of persons, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Any act or thing that affects an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, as herein described, is not less a nuisance because the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals is unequal.

(b) Any person who knowingly maintains or commits a public nuisance, or who knowingly fails or refuses to perform any legal duty relating to the removal of a public nuisance, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

And the police calls to these towers since they opened are shown in these #'s:

1011 N Tyndall - The Hub

Disturbances- 5

Disorderly Conduct - 3

Fights Brewing - 0

Loud Music / Party - 10

Total - 18

1020 N Tyndall - Level

Disturbances – 5

Disorderly Conduct - 2

Fight Brewing - 3

Loud Music / Party - 11

Total – 21

Next at 1031 N Park opened in August

Disturbances- 0

Disorderly Conduct – 2

Fights Brewing – 2

Loud Music / Party - 3

Total - 7

These are awful numbers.

The bottom line is that tossing objects of any sort from the student housing projects shown in the renderings above is not only stupid, it's potentially lethal, and certainly criminal.

On Monday I hosted a meeting that was to be solutions-based. It's sad that we have to re-

visit student behavioral issues so frequently, but we do. And so, we do.

At the meeting on Monday, there were representatives from the ownership groups of the three housing towers, TPD, the UA Dean of Students and Office of the President, the City Attorney, neighborhood representatives, and the leadership of the Mosque. I called the meeting initially to address what were reported as having been large parties taking place in the middle of the night without any penalties being assessed. Then there were reports of bottles being tossed down onto the Mosque and into adjacent rights-of-way below. That escalated the need for an immediate meeting, and it broadened the cast of invitees.

The management groups recognized potential civil vulnerabilities. In fairness, they joined thinking people in calling out the behavior for what it is: dangerous and juvenile. To their credit, before we met they had conducted some meetings with the Mosque folks, had several conversations with me on the phone, and they came to the meeting with solutions for the bottle-throwing ready to roll out. Video cameras will be installed on each of the buildings and anybody caught throwing objects from the balconies will be evicted from the housing project. At that point, the UA Student Code of Conduct can kick in, and academic sanctions may result.

As for the partying, TPD indicated they'll implement a zero tolerance policy when called and when they observe large gatherings that are disturbing the peace. Red tags and citations will be issued.

There's a committee called the Campus Community Relations Committee. It includes several neighborhood groups who surround campus, UAPD, and some other University administrative departments. I'm working with the CCRC chair to schedule a larger discussion of student behavior in off campus housing generally. When we get it booked, both UAPD and TPD will be included, as well as the UA Dean of Students Office.

Few of us were angels while we were attending school. And I'd hazard a guess that few of us ever threw whisky bottles off from the 10th floor of a housing complex onto passersby below. The parents of the residents in these projects have been notified of potential sanctions, TPD and the City Attorney affirmed the City's position, and UA Administration is on board.

The adults in the room get it. We'll see how many, if any, students need to learn the hard way that we mean it.

Arizonans for Gun Safety

Preventing Gun Violence through Education, Advocacy and Community Mobilization

AzGS is a non-profit group whose mission is to reduce gun deaths and injuries. They've partnered in adopting legislation, hosting community forums, and running educational campaigns. On December 10th, I'll be joining them in presenting updated information on the National Violent Death Reporting System initiative.

Dr. Randy Friese, newly-elected State Representative for LD9, and I will be joining forces with AzGS at the Ward 6 office beginning at 6:30pm on the 10th. Earlier this year, Randy and I worked together to get the State to join the NVDRS system. The coordinating committee has now met and Randy will be giving an update on their plans. To refresh your



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R) 520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R) 520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D) (2nd District) 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D) (3th District) 520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R) 602-542-4331 Tucson office: 628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild 791-4201

ZoomTucson Map http:// maps.tucsonaz.gov /zoomTucson/ memory, this is the data collection effort that's going to funnel violent death information to the Centers for Disease Control. With several other States also reporting, the CDC will compile the data and work towards public health related proposals aimed at reducing gun death nationwide.

AzGS has outlets in both Tucson and in Phoenix, so they're well suited to assist in pushing this agenda along. Their supporters include health care agencies, child advocacy groups, law enforcement, and parent organizations. With such a broad base of support, it's in a very good position to assist with this effort.

Come on by on the 10th. We're at 3202 E. 1st St. I'll also be giving an update on the Straw Purchase initiative I'm hoping the Mayor and Council will adopt in January.

Charter Review Committee



A couple of weeks ago the M&C voted to remove the cap taxes. Our poncy
valuation. By Charter we're allowed
assessed valuation. The vote was to remove the buck and a half and implement the Charter level. It is estimated to
arease our bonding capacity by about \$70M. The best assessed valuation. The vote was to remove the buck and increase our bonding capacity by about \$70M. The best I can figure is that there was some concern that we'd be un-

able to sell our Prop 409 road bonds without eliminating the lower cap.

Last week the Charter Review Committee also looked at our taxing limits. Staff made the pitch that by increasing our ability to ask you to increase your property taxes even more and use those dollars for debt to buy infrastructure improvements, we'd be better positioned to provide for the long-term needs of the community. The CRC took their point and voted to pass a proposal onto M&C that goes our vote one better; that is, they're suggesting we ask the voters to completely remove the limit on debt associated with your property taxes. If it gets past M&C, it'll be a question for you to answer in November of next year.

What staff didn't tell the CRC was that that question of eliminating our property tax limit will likely be sitting alongside some others on the ballot. There may be the \$600M bond package, a question about raising the gas tax by a dime per gallon, and some Community Facilities Development measures that the Board of Supervisors is considering that would tax the owners of new subdivisions for road maintenance.

Somebody on the CRC asked whether the item they were considering might be a poison pill that would damage the other Charter items' chances for surviving your scrutiny. The consultant and staff suggested that wasn't the CRC's concern. They should just move items along to us on their own merits. I guess I'd beg to differ. It's going to cost money to campaign for/against, to prepare voter information guides, and ultimately to educate the public about each measure being presented. I'm hopeful that from now on the CRC will look at how a total package will appear on the ballot. That's going to matter in terms of each individual item's chance of being adopted.

On Tuesday we adopted the staff proposal on Certificates Of Participation debt limit. We set it at 10% of our Average General Fund Revenues. It gives us another \$16M in debt capacity. Having tax items on the ballot next year made it imperative that we place some controls on spending ahead of time. That's now done, and the conversation about the CRC proposal, and the others, will soon begin.

Dodge Magnet School /Townsend

Quick update on what's happening with the move of Dodge to Townsend. I've reported that TUSD had planned to move the student population of Dodge Magnet School to the old Townsend campus, and to increase it over 3 years by about 150 over the current enrollment at Dodge. All they needed was final approval from the guy who's overseeing their deseg lawsuit (called the Special Master – a title that really puts me off). They've had public meetings to begin the dialogue with the neighbors, parents, and teaching staff on how the move would proceed. They've also invested in getting costs for the upgrades they'll need to make at Townsend before moving classes of kids into the building. It has been shut down for a few years, so some sprucing up is in order.

The price tag for the move is \$4.7M. Nearly \$500K of that was simply bringing the technology infrastructure up to current standards. Then there were costs for bringing the old structure into compliance with code requirements (ADA, building codes, fire sprinkler system, etc). I wasn't surprised at the cost estimate. I was surprised to learn that they had originally estimated the costs to be about 25% of where they ended up.

Amy was an invited member of the Dodge Move Committee. Last week at what's now likely to be their last meeting, they were told that the Special Master only approved \$1M in funding for the move. I wonder if he ever bothered to visit the Townsend site or to review the cost estimates for the upgrades to the facility. Not likely.

So Townsend will stay shut down and Dodge will stay put. The District goal was to open up an "A" school to a more broadly integrated student population – kind of the intent of the whole deseg thing. It's too bad they couldn't get the funding approved. I'll share more as it becomes available.

...and we held our first outreach meeting with the Avondale neighborhood last week to prep the discussion on the potential sale of Ft. Lowell Elementary. An offer has been made, and now the developer enters into a due diligence phase during to consider possible uses, costs for the project, and any zoning challenges it may have. Given what just happened with Dodge, I guess I'm not counting this sale as being assured. We'll stay with it and keep you up to speed.

Bike Share System

Bike Sharing is a system in which subscribers have access to a network of bikes that'd be located throughout the City. They're held in self-service kiosks and can be accessed by people who sign into the network for brief commutes. In some of the 30 cities that already have them, the bikes are used on a point-to-point trip basis (you start at one location and drop the bike at another kiosk located someplace else). Other systems are set up so that you have to return the bike to the same spot from which you began using it.

The City is considering implementing a Bike Share system. We're asking for your input before moving ahead with any plans. There's an online survey you can access that is not only a place for you to express your thoughts on the system in general, but also to suggest locations for the stations. Also as a part of this study, the City's Bike/Ped program is looking at funding and implementation strategies. They're working with a national bike planning firm, Toole Design Group.

If you'd like to weigh in on the possibility, you can do so by going to this link: http://bikes.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle/tucson-bike-share.

No particular timetable has been established for deciding on this, but I know the people who are working on it would like to get your feelings sooner rather than later.

Grant Road Paving Correction

I had the date wrong in the last newsletter – the paving of the segment running from Park to Columbus will begin earlier than I had said. It's scheduled to start in about March of next year, and should be done about 90 days following that. Thanks to TDOT's Beth Abramovitz for pointing out my mistake.

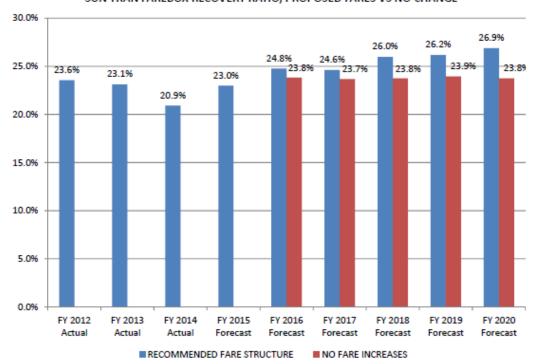
Bus Routes and Fares

As we have done just about each time this has been in front of us for the past 5 years, we avoided making any decisions about increasing bus fares or adding efficiencies to the routes. My motion was to adopt the staff recommended fare increases, shown below. The table reflects the direction I believe we should have gone. Note that they do not increase any single trip fares until FY'18. And as for period passes, nothing would have kicked in until next fiscal year. Based on the M&C vote, nothing kicks in, period, until yet another review. That's now scheduled for December.

SUN TRAN FARES	CURRENT	PROPOSED FARE		PROPOSED FARE	
	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Change	FY 2018	% Change
SINGLE TRIP FARES					
BASE FARE	1.50	1.50	0.00%	1.60	6.67%
ECONOMY FARE	0.50	0.50	0.00%	0.55	10.00%
EXPRESS FARE	2.00	2.00	0.00%	2.15	7.50%
UP-CHARGE-EXPRESS FARE	0.50	0.50	0.00%	0.55	10.00%
UP-CHARGE-ECONOMY TO EXPRESS FARE	1.50	1.50	0.00%	1.60	6.67%
PERIOD PASSES					
DAY PASS	3.50	4.20	20.00%	4.80	14.29%
DISCOUNTED DAY PASS	1.75	2.10	20.00%	2.40	14.29%
31 DAY PASS	42.00	49.00	16.67%	54.00	10.20%
ECONOMY 31 DAY PASS	15.00	17.00	13.33%	19.00	11.76%
EXPRESS 31 DAY PASS	56.00	65.00	16.07%	72.00	10.77%
UA/PCC BASE FARE SEMESTER PASS	173.00	192.00	10.98%	216.00	12.50%
UA/PCC SEMESTER EXPRESS PASS	230.00	255.00	10.87%	291.00	14.12%
UA ANNUAL BASE FARE PASS	413.00	422.00	2.18%	450.00	6.64%
UA ANNUAL EXPRESS PASS	550.00	562.00	2.18%	604.00	7.47%
SUN VAN FARES					
REGULAR FARES					
ONE WAY	3.00	3.00	0.00%	3.20	6.67%
ROUND TRIP	6.00	6.00	0.00%	6.40	6.67%
LOW INCOME FARES					
ONE WAY	1.00	1.00	0.00%	1.10	10.00%
ROUND TRIP	2.00	2.00	0.00%	2.20	10.00%

Staff also proposed a model by which fares would increase based on an industry standard formula. That model takes into consideration ridership growth, anticipated expenses, and how close we'd be getting to our goal of a 25% farebox recovery. When projected out over 10 years, here's what the staff fare plan with its increases would yield towards that 25% target:

Sun tran farebox recovery ratio, proposed fares vs no change



And here are the actual fares as they would move with the elasticity model:

SUN TRAN FARES	FY 2020	FY 2022	FY 2024	FY 2026	FY 2028
% INCREASE IN BASE FARE	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
SINGLE TRIP FARES					
BASE FARE	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.10
ECONOMY FARE	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.70
EXPRESS FARE	2.30	2.40	2.55	2.70	2.80
UP-CHARGE-EXPRESS FARE	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.70
UP-CHARGE-ECONOMY TO EXPRESS FARE	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.10
PERIOD PASSES					
DAY PASS	5.10	5.40	5.70	6.00	6.30
DISCOUNTED DAY PASS	2.55	2.70	2.85	3.00	3.15
31 DAY PASS	57.00	60.00	64.00	67.00	70.00
ECONOMY 31 DAY PASS	20.00	20.00	22.00	24.00	24.00
EXPRESS 31 DAY PASS	77.00	80.00	85.00	90.00	94.00
UA/PCC BASE FARE SEMESTER PASS	230.00	243.00	257.00	270.00	284.00
UA/PCC SEMESTER EXPRESS PASS	311.00	324.00	345.00	365.00	378.00
UA ANNUAL BASE FARE PASS	478.00	506.00	534.00	562.00	590.00
UA ANNUAL EXPRESS PASS	646.00	674.00	717.00	759.00	787.00
SUN VAN FARES					
REGULAR FARES					
ONE WAY	3.40	3.60	3.80	4.00	4.20
ROUND TRIP	6.80	7.20	7.60	8.00	8.40
LOW INCOME FARES					
ONE WAY	1.20	1.20	1.30	1.40	1.40
ROUND TRIP	2.40	2.40	2.60	2.80	2.80

We have a Transit Task Force that has also been studying the fare policy. Their recommendation was to make no changes until we maximize ridership and add efficiencies to the system. As to the efficiencies, their original recommended changes would have required that we spend about \$750K this fiscal year on the purchase of 14 new busses. We don't have that kind of money. They went back and modified their proposal, but staff hasn't costed it out yet. The staff recommended route changes would increase wait times on under-utilized routes and shorten wait times where busses are overstuffed. That's what a more efficient system looks like, and it's the reason I supported the staff recommendation. But to be fair, we should see the costs associated with the TTF recommendation before making that final call.

In the end, we didn't make any of the changes. We'll figure out the impact when we get around to next year's budget talks. If history is any predictor, fares won't change.

We also discussed a marketing plan. I'm all for investing in getting the word out about Sun Tran and Sun Link. Demographic trends are pointing towards more transit use, so the marketing effort should be successful if it's done right. One area I do not want to see us moving is the 'wraps' you see on the streetcar. I'll look hard for other revenue sources to help offset the General Fund subsidy of the transit system, but I continue to think the advertising on the sides of Sun Link is in poor taste. We received letters from the Downtown Merchant's Council and the Downtown Tucson Partnership to that same effect.

Broadway Project

We were asked to approve funding for the design of the Broadway project. I agree in principle; we need to fund the continuing design effort. My vote in opposition to the item we had in front of us was specific to some of the language it included. Here are just a few examples:

- a) There was reference to the Project Charter. The original Charter included language referencing unrealistic traffic volumes, as well as the original 8 lane ballot language. I wasn't comfortable with the explanation given by staff that those references would not play any role in the design plans.
- b) The material we had authorized our Real Estate Administration to begin planning for property acquisitions. We don't have an alignment, and so I am opposed to REA going out and contacting property owners whose homes/businesses might be taken until we know that for certain.
- c) Related to the acquisitions, we don't know the cost for buying and demolishing properties. The City is the Lead Agency on this project and I'm not at all comfortable with the project budget being able to cover the acquisition/demo costs and still have enough money left over to build out a quality road project, including the 'outside the curb' amenities.
- d) There's an item called "Anticipatory Demolition." It's where a jurisdiction demolishes historic properties with the intent of avoiding an historic review process that kicks in if it later takes Federal funding for the project. We know we're eventually going to request Federal dollars to help fund any transit capital investments (busses, streetcar, light rail). If, when we get around to seeking Federal dollars to fund the purchase of that equipment, the Feds look at our acquisition/demo process and conclude we should have gone through their processes ahead of time, we could lose out on the ability to access their funds. Our City Attorney is likely cor-

rect in stating that we're safe in how we're moving along in design, but with literally millions of dollars on the line and with the other questions as to our budget vulnerability and lack of any defined alignment still unanswered, I couldn't justify taking the chance on losing that Federal assistance later on.

M&C voted to move ahead in our request for RTA funding for design. I don't want to hear that our Real Estate people are going out and representing to businesses along Broadway that we know where the road's going yet. I do want to hear from the design team as soon as possible on an alignment so we can finally give certainty to property owners.

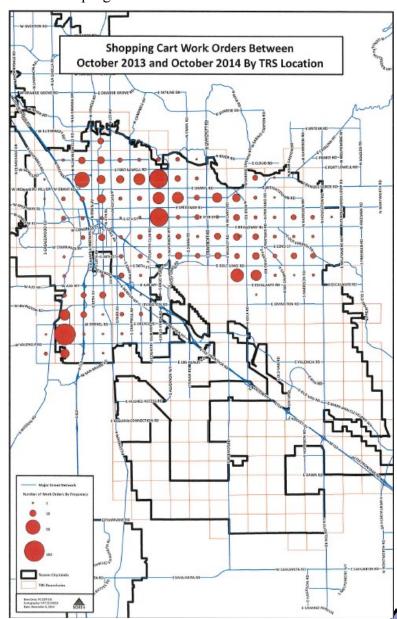
Shopping Cart Retrieval Program

In October of last year we approved an Ordinance aimed at giving our Environmental Services Department more tools with which to reduce the number of shopping carts you see sitting in the neighborhoods and along the City rights-of-way. Last week, we received their first year's report card on the success of the program.

First, here's a map that shows the general location and volume of the carts that were collected through the program by our contractor, who goes around and collects 'lost' carts based on work requests issued by E.S.

It might be a little tough to make out, but the first road I from the top that goes end to end on the map is Grant. The street just to the east of where you see a large circle, with a smaller circle above it, and another large one above that is Alvernon. The point? Grant and Alvernon are going to be the focus of some beefed up sweeps in the upcoming year. So will other areas of high concentrations such as west of Flowing Wells and south of Drexel.

In the first year, the contractor collected 1,222 carts from over a thousand work requests. The owners of the majority of the carts collected include Walmart, Fry's, Walgreen's,



and Albertson's. The program cost about \$5,500, so from the standpoint of being a good value invested into reducing blight in our neighborhoods, it was a bargain.

If you see carts sitting around and want them picked up, you can call the E.S. Customer Service line at 791.3171. There's also an email option at ESHelp@tucsonaz.gov. Just as the graffiti we fight is vandalism, this is theft. Both affect the quality of life in midtown. Clearly it's going to take the work of us all to keep things like this under control.

A couple of related notes:

- a) Last Saturday the Neighborhood Support Network and Tucson Residents for Responsive Government met at the Ward 6 office. They had a very good afternoon of discussion about Code Enforcement and how we need to streamline our processes in ways that make the system more effective in cleaning up violations in a timely manner. We'll see where this goes, but this group of largely Wards 6 and 3 residents are committed to seeing this through until we finally get some changes in place that'll make a difference out on the streets of the City.
- b) TEP is still in talks with Graffiti Protective Coatings to set up a pilot area in which GPC bills TEP for time and materials and abates graffiti more quickly than the TEP staff can do. Contact TEP and let them know that you want to see this deal put together. It's taking far too long for what it is.
- c) The County Bond Committee, under the direction of the County Administrator, has reduced the proposed funding for next year's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Bond ballot initiative from \$30M down to \$20M. If that bothers you, contact your County Supervisor and let him/her know that you want to see the higher amount restored to the ballot. Ultimately it'll be the Board of Supes that approves the final items for the ballot. The M&C have already unanimously indicated that we want to see all \$30M dedicated to neighborhood reinvestment funding.

McKale Center Renovations





We didn't quite start at this point, but the newly remodeled McKale is a far cry from where we began back at the start of the year. Still some finishing touches and making adjustments for fans who have individual concerns, but generally...



... things are in good shape and the season is off to a very positive beginning.

International Association of Astronomical Artists

If you didn't get a chance to come by on Friday for the opening of the IAAA art exhibit, it'd be worth your while to carve out some time before it leaves at the end of the year. The image shown above is the chalk/tempura art that's on our front walkway. It'll wear off, so if you'd like to see it you'll need to come in the next few days.



The IAAA show inside has well over 100 pieces, some paint and some photos. The theme is tied in with the 2015 United Nations International Year of Light. We try to keep exhibits up in our common space on a regular basis, but this is the first we've been able to share one with you that has that added level of sponsorship. I know you'll appreciate the works when you get a chance to stop by.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik Council Member, Ward 6 Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

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Events and Entertainment

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Reid Park, 22nd and Country Club Saturday and Sunday, November 29-30, 9:00AM – 4:00PM



Come get a jump on your holiday shopping. The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department presents the annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair. It will be located west of the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center. This free event will draw in more than 100 vendors from all over the Southwest ranging from artists, crafters, photographers, painters, potters, jewelers and more. This Thanksgiving weekend fair has become a tradition for many holiday shoppers for more than 20 years. Stroll through the park and visit artists with

their original designs, from delicate beading to steampunk jewelry, teapot wind chimes, handcrafted masks, colorful mosaics, sun catchers, and one-of-a-kind ceramics. Discover the artistic redesign of vintage purses, dolls and children's wear. If you are looking for "cozy," this is the place for soft blankets and quilts, fragrant soaps, knit scarves of all styles, knit dog collars - and everyone's favorite - tie dye. Handmade teddy bears, puppets and wooden toys would be perfect for anyone's holiday gift list. While enjoying the fair, be sure to stop for food and refreshments from local vendors. Visitors are encouraged to use the Concert Place entrance from Country Club Road for ample free parking. For more information call 791-4877.

Ongoing

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave

http://www.tucsonsymphony.org/

<u>Arizona Friends of Chamber Music</u> Leo Rick Theatre, 260 S Church St http://www.arizonachambermusic.org/

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

http://www.arizonatheatre.org/

<u>Fox Theatre</u>, 17 W Congress St <u>www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org</u>

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

http://www.rialtotheatre.com/

<u>The Rogue Theatre</u> at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St

http://hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

Temple of Shadows. August 21st to November 1st.

Jewish History Museum invites the public to view 15 prints showing the Museum before its renovation in black and white and afterwards infused with color.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm www.childernsmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

Opening October 18, 2014

Regarding Curtis: Contemporary Indian Artists Respond to the Imagery of Edward S. Curtis Whether romanticized or contested, the enduring power of the imagery of Edward S. Curtis has informed contemporary notions of Native American identity and perception. By inviting contemporary Indian artists to respond to these issues of identity and perception, we carry this dialogue into the present day, both visually and intellectually.

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

Now through December 2014, "The Best of the Best: Prize Minerals from the Vaults of Arizona's Collectors."

http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round. Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

http://sacredmachine.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

http://www.tucsonbotanical.org